

## **REMARKS**

On February 4, 2005, a Notice of Allowance was issued, allowing claim 1 and, by Examiner's Amendment, canceling claims 2 and 3.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This Amendment constitutes the Applicants' submission accompanying the RCE.

This Amendment adds new claims 4 through 22.

Claims 4 through 8 depend from claim 1 and are believed to recite patentable subject matter at least because claim 1 recites patentable subject matter.

Claim 9 is believed to be allowable because the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest a method of encouraging proper posture during a golf swing, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a brace comprising a first diagonal strap portion and a second diagonal strap portion; (b) placing the brace on a golfer, with the first diagonal strap portion extending along the golfer's back from one shoulder downwardly and diagonally and with the second diagonal strap portion extending along the golfer's back from the other shoulder downwardly and diagonally, with the brace in position during the golf swing such that the brace provides resistance to excessive bending of the golfer's back during the golf swing; and (c) removing the brace from the golfer after the golfing activity is completed. Claims 10 through 15 depend from claim 9 and are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 16 is believed to be allowable because the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest a method of encouraging proper posture during a golf swing, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a brace comprising a plurality of strap portions; (b) securing the brace to a garment; (c) placing the garment and brace on a golfer, with the brace in position during the golf swing such

that the brace provides resistance to excessive bending of the golfer's back during the golf swing; and (d) removing the garment and brace from the golfer after the golfing activity is completed. Claims 17 through 22 depend from claim 16 and are also believed to be allowable.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Applicant would like to respectfully request continued examination of this application. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4225.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and credit any overpayments associated with this filing to Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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